

**Chambers of District Judge Amul R. Thapar**  
206 U.S. Courthouse, 101 Barr Street, Lexington, KY 40507  
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**Amul R. Thapar**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1969  
Education: Boston Col 1991 BS; Boalt Hall 1994 JD  
Began Service: January 4, 2008  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, College of Law, University of Cincinnati (1996-1997); Trial Advocacy Instructor, The Law Center, Georgetown University (1999-2000); Adjunct Professor, College of Law, University of Cincinnati (2002-2006)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chambers of District Judge S. Arthur Spiegel, United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio (1994-1996); Law Clerk, Chambers of Circuit Judge Nathaniel R. Jones, United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (1996-1997)

**Corporate:** General Counsel, Equalfooting.com (2000-2001)

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Columbia District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1999-2000); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Ohio - Southern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (2002-2003); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Criminal Division, Ohio - Southern District, United States Department of Justice (2006); U.S. Attorney, Kentucky - Eastern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (2006-2007)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Williams & Connolly LLP (1997-1999); Associate, Cincinnati, OH Office, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey L.L.P. (2001-2002)

**Chambers of Senior Judge G. Wix Unthank**  
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**G. Wix Unthank**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1923  
Education: Miami 1950 JD  
Began Service: 1980  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Government:** Assistant U.S. Attorney, Kentucky - Eastern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice, Lyndon B. Johnson Administration (1966-1969); Commonwealth Attorney, 26th District, Commonwealth of Kentucky (1970-1980)

**Judicial:** Judge, Kentucky District Court, 26th Judicial District (1950-1957)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1957-1966)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1940-1945)

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; The Florida Bar; Kentucky Bar Association

**Staff**

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Education: Vanderbilt 1987 JD  
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**Chambers of Senior Judge Henry Rupert Wilhoit, Jr.**  
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**Henry Rupert Wilhoit, Jr.**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1935  
Education: Kentucky 1960 LLB  
Began Service: 1981  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Government:** City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney, City of Grayson, Kentucky (1962-1966); County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, County of Carter, Kentucky (1966-1970)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Wilhoit & Wilhoit (1960-1981)

**Current Memberships:** American College of Trial Lawyers; Federal Judges Association; Kentucky Bar Association

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**William O. Bertelsman**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1936  
Education: Xavier (OH) 1958 BA; Cincinnati 1961 JD  
Began Service: November 29, 1979  
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

**Academic:** Faculty, College of Law, University of Cincinnati (1965-1972); Faculty, Federal Judicial Center (1981-1982)

**Government:** City Attorney and Prosecutor, Office of the City Prosecutor, City of Covington, Kentucky (1962-1969)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Bertelsman & Bertelsman (1962-1979)

**Military Service:** Ohio and Kentucky National Guard (1958-1963); United States Army (1963-1964)

**Nonprofit:** Faculty, ALI-ABA, The American Law Institute

**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Judicial Conference of the United States; Kentucky Bar Association; Northern Kentucky Bar Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Vicki Christian** ..... (859) 392-7900  
Began Service: January 2008  
Term Expires: December 31, 2011  
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**Karl S. Forester**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1940  
Education: Kentucky 1962 BA, 1966 JD  
Began Service: July 27, 1988  
Appointed By: President Ronald Reagan

**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Eugene Goss, Esq (1966-1968); Partner, Goss & Forester (1968-1975); Partner, Forester, Forester, Buttermore & Turner (1976-1988)

**Current Memberships:** American Association for Justice; American Judicature Society; Harlan County Bar Association; Kentucky Bar Association

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Education: Centre 1991 BS; Kentucky 1994 JD  
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Education: Arkansas 1971 MBA; Kentucky 1979 JD  
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**Joseph M. Hood**  
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1942  
Education: Kentucky 1965 BS, 1972 JD  
Began Service: May 1, 1990  
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

**Academic:** Graduate Assistant in Economics, University of Kentucky (1965-1966)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable David Hermansdorfer, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (1972-1976)

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (1976-1990); Chief Judge, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (2005-2007)

**Military Service:** United States Army (1966-1970)

**Current Memberships:** Fayette County Bar Association; Federal Judges Association; Kentucky Bar Association; Sixth Circuit District Judges Association

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Joseph Ballard** ..... (859) 233-2415  
Career Law Clerk **Mary Ann Miranda** ..... (859) 233-2415  
Education: Transylvania 1997 BA;  
Vanderbilt 2002 JD  
Career Law Clerk **Emily Morris** ..... (859) 233-2415  
Began Service: 2006  
Education: Transylvania 2003 BA;  
Kentucky 2006 JD  
Court Reporter **Ann Banta** ..... (502) 545-1090

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge J. Gregory Wehrman**  
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**J. Gregory Wehrman**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1944  
Education: Cincinnati 1966 BA; Kentucky 1969 JD  
Began Service: January 1992  
Term Expires: 2016  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge (part-time), United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky (1975-1992)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1969-1992)

**Current Memberships:** Kentucky Bar Association; Northern Kentucky Bar Association

**Staff**

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**James B. Todd**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1939  
Education: Kentucky 1963 BS, 1966 JD  
Began Service: April 1, 1994

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1966-1994)

**Staff**

Career Law Clerk **Donald W. Stanford** ..... (859) 233-2697  
Education: Murray State U 1974 BS;  
Kentucky 1979 JD  
Secretary **Susan Adkins** ..... (859) 233-2697

**Chambers of Magistrate Judge Robert E. Wier**

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**Robert E. Wier**  
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: September 2006  
Term Expires: August 2014

**Staff**

Law Clerk **Demick Wright** ..... (859) 233-2503  
Began Service: September 11, 2006